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SUBJECT:BILLINGTON VISIT

REF: MOSCOW 15984 AND PREVIOUS

DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 12

1. REQUEST CHARGE APPROACH KORNIYENKE RE SOVIET UNWILLING-
NESS TO RECEIVE BILLINGTON. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DE-
PARTMENT, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE WOODROW WILSON
CENTER, WHICH BILLINGTON HEADS, AND ITS KENNAN INSTITUTE,
PLAY HOST TO MANY PROMINENT SOVIET OFFICIALS AND SCHOLARS
IN THE US AND WE BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS-

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THNT THIS RELATIONSHIP BE MAINTAINED. YOU MAY ALSO NOTE

THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE NEXT THREE-YEAR PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES ARE SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK, AND SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS EXCHANGES WITH A BFS MEMBER AT THIS TIME WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND.

2. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS WHETHER BILLINGTON HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MHE AND MGU, AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. WHILE EMBASSY SHOULD TRY FOR OTHER ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS, IN ADDITION TO ARBATOV, WE BELIEVE THAT AS MINIMUM BILLINGTON SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE MHE AND MGU,

IN LINE WITH HIS BFS MISSION.

3. DEPARTMENT WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT BFS CHAIRMAN LOWITZ BUT WILL PASS HIM BILLINGTON'S MESSAGE EARLY OCTOBER 12. HOWEVER, MR. HYLAND CALLED VORONTSOV TODAY AND REMONSTRATED WITH HIM OVER TREATMENT GIVEN BILLINGTON IN MOSCOW. HOPEFULLY VORONTSOV WILL COMMUNICATE WITH MOSCOW. KISSINGER

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